

*Vision: To inspire students to become **confident, ethical** and individuals with the aspiration and qualities to shape a **better** j*

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience



Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you are all well and feeling increasingly optimistic that we have past the worst in terms of the pandemic. I would like to thank you again for all your support in helping us sustain our remote learning and for your help in ensuring that the school was able to stay open throughout terms one and two.

As you will be aware, FHS will be re-opening on Monday 8th March. It is our absolute priority that all students return to school feeling safe and ready to learn. Therefore, it is our intention to offer every student and member of staff a lateral flow Covid19 test before their return.

This will allow us to re-establish the protocols and safety arrangements that were so successful in terms 1 and 2. We will begin the lateral flow test programme on Tuesday 2nd March. All students will receive an appointment time to come in for a test. The following year groups and staff will be tested at the following times:

Tuesday:	All staff test	8:30 am - 11:30am	Year 11 test:	11:30 - 3pm
Wednesday:	Year 10:	8:30 - 10:30	Year 7:	10:45 - 1pm
Thursday:	Year 9:	8:30 - 11:15am	Year 8:	11:30 - 2:45
Friday:	All staff test 2	8:30-10.15	Year 11 test 2	10:30 - 2pm

All students will have a second test on site in the week beginning Monday 8th March. We will communicate the details closer to the date. We appreciate your support in carrying out this programme of testing. It is part of our **collective commitment to each other** in order to keep the school and local community safe. Please help your child to create a NHS log in, so that they can receive their test results from NHS by text/email. This will speed up the testing process significantly. The instructions for registering are below:

Creating an NHS Log in at: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

1. If you are using a mobile device, either scan the QR code on your test slip or enter the address above. Enter an email address of choice which you have access to (e.g. school email).
2. Choose a password (8 characters and have a least 1-capital letter).
3. Check your emails and confirm your email address.
4. Check your spam folder just in case it is there.
5. Add your mobile phone number and enter the 6-digit code that will be sent to you.
6. Once you have done this, you will be registered on the NHS Test and Trace system.
7. Registering a test - Sign into your account and select 'Register a test'.
8. When asked who the test is for, select "A school, college or other education provider".
9. Enter the name of the School: The Forest High School (GL14 2AZ).
10. The test Strip ID number is the barcode you will have been given along with the Lateral flow test kit. You can either type or scan barcode with your phone camera.
11. Follow the instructions until you reach the end and save your testing details.

Please find a more visual set of instructions accompanying this letter

Please complete the parental/carer consent form attached to this letter and ask your child to bring it into school when they come into school for their test. There is no need to repeat this if you have already given your consent for a previous test. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

All students should arrive at school by **8.30am on Monday 8th March**. They should go straight into the “bubbled” groups that were in operation during term 2.

Year 7 meet by the Hub and then move to T Block

Year 8 and 9 in B Block - enter via the front door at reception

Year 10 in S Block – enter via the green gate at T block (right-hand side)

Year 11 in T Block – enter via the green gate at T block (left-hand side)

The following break and lunchtime arrangements will remain in place:

Break Times

10.30-11.00am **Year 10**

(Canteen 10.30-10.40am – pick up and go to Spotlight or play area)

10.40-11.00am **Year 8/9**

(Canteen 10.40-10.50am – pick up and go Creative Arts or Tennis Courts)

10.50-11.05am **Year 7/11**

(Canteen 10.50-11.05am – sit down)

Lunch Times

Midday-12.40pm **Year 7/11**

(Canteen open Midday to 12.30pm & play area available for Year 7 and student leadership team)

12.50-1.30pm **Year 8/9/10** (Year 10 in canteen from 12.50-1.10pm; Year 8/9 in canteen from 1.10pm-1.30pm).

There will be a staggered end to every day so that large numbers of students are not leaving site at the same time. Students are expected to **wear masks at all times when they are indoors**. The only exception will be when they are having food in the canteen. FHS will be ventilating rooms so that the chances of transmission of Covid19 are minimised. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the school uniform with the exception of both ties and blazers (to reduce the chances of transmission). They should be wearing the correct trousers, shoes etc as indicated at <https://academytrust.sgscol.ac.uk/the-forest-high-school/parents/uniform>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this communication and for all your support in keeping our community safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,



John Whitehead
Headteacher